



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Dear School Administrator:

For the past several years, school district staff members have utilized ClearAccess for analysis of Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) results. During the 2003-2004 school year, ClearAccess will continue to be the software utilized for that analysis. DESE staff will again generate CDs containing MAP data for each district, with distribution planned for September. The ClearAccess software currently deployed in your district will be compatible with these CDs.

Prior to the 2004-2005 school year, we plan to transition to Crystal Reports, a technology that will enable districts Web-based access to MAP data behind the DESE security system. Crystal Reports will permit district staff to generate reports, download their data into a variety of formats, and do ad hoc querying, much like ClearAccess. When Crystal Reports becomes live in the summer of 2004, district personnel will be able to access Crystal Reports through the Internet connection and the Web browser they currently use to access DESE Web applications.

We are confident this transition, scheduled for the summer of 2004, will effectively support educators seeking to access and analyze data. If you have questions regarding this plan, please contact my office or Leigh Ann Grant-Engle at 573-522-8310. If you wish to share a copy of this letter with principals, testing coordinators, or others on your staff, you may refer them to the following link on the DESE website (<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/crystalreportsletter.pdf>).

Sincerely,

Bert Schulte